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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Dear Mr. Wesson,

This letter is in response to your request for records under the California Public Records Act dated and received by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Discovery Unit on September 11, 2019.

In your request you are seeking the following:

1. Total number of concealed carry weapon (CCW) license applications received by LASD from 01/01/2018 – 09/10/19. Please include any/all applications from judges, deputy district attorneys, reserve police officers or reserve deputy sheriffs.
2. Total number of CCW license applications approved/issued by LASD from 01/01/2018 – 09/10/19. Please include any/all applications from judges, deputy district attorneys, reserve police officers or reserve deputy sheriffs.
3. Total number of CCW applications denied by LASD from 01/01/2018 – 09/10/19 Please include any/all applications from judges, deputy district attorneys, reserve police officers or reserve deputy sheriffs.
4. Names and occupations/professions of CCW applicants denied by LASD from 01/01/2018 – 09/10/19. Please include any/all judges, deputy district attorneys, reserve police officers or reserve deputy sheriffs.
5. Names and occupations/professions of CCW applicants approved by LASD from 01/01/2018 – 09/10/19. Please include any/all judges, deputy district attorneys, reserve police officers or reserve deputy sheriffs.

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6. LASD policy/review procedures for CCW applications. Specifically, who initially receives the application, after receipt what path does the application take up to and including approval. More specifically who exactly is involved in the review process.
7. Is the LASD policy/review procedure for review of CCW applications the same for all categories of people; judges, reserve deputies/police officers, and average citizens. If the policy/review procedure is different for any of the listed categories please detail each category.

With regard to items 6 and 7 the exact person assigned to each level of the review process is being requested. If you feel that information is legally exempt from disclosure, please cite the legal authority for the exemption, and in the alternative please provide the job title, i.e. sergeant, captain, legal aid, secretary, etc, of each person involved in the review process. If no formal procedure exists with regards to policy/review procedure of CCW

8. Names and occupations/professions of all current/active concealed carry weapon (CCW) license holders issued by LASD and the date their CCW expires. Please include any/all judges, deputy district attorneys, reserve police officers or reserve deputy sheriffs.
9. Names and occupations/professions of pending CCW applications from 01/01/18 – 09/10/19. Please include any/all judges, deputy district attorneys, reserve police officers or reserve deputy sheriffs and list where they are in the CCW process as outlined by LASD.

Although the Sheriff's Department is obligated to respond within 10 days of receipt of the request, this time limit is subject to an extension of up to fourteen (14) days under the following circumstances as defined in *Government Code* § 6253(c) (1).

The need to search for and collect the requested records from field facilities or other establishments that are separate from the office processing the request, and the need to appropriately examine potentially voluminous amounts of records.

In addition, please note that we may redact or withhold records if there are any exempt matters impacting the privacy rights of individuals (*California Constitution*, Article I, §1, and *Government Code* §§ 6254(k) and 6255(a)). Other exempt matters will include those protected by the attorney-client, official information and deliberative process privileges, pending litigation exemption, personnel exemption, or other matters otherwise protected from

disclosure by law or where the particular facts and circumstances warrant nondisclosure of the information (*Government Code* §§ 6254(b), (c), (k), and 6255(a)).

We currently have a backlog on PRA requests due to an increase in the number of requests received and an unexpected shortage of personnel. We are working to address the personnel shortage and anticipate making progress in the near future. We are processing the requests in the order received.

We are continuing to gather records to review. Once we have determined what records are responsive to your request, we will review them to determine if some of the records are exempt from disclosure. Not having reviewed all of the records, we cannot specify all the applicable authorities upon which records would be withheld or redactions would be required. The authorities may include, but are not limited to, the following: *California Constitution*, article I, section 1; matters protected by the attorney-client, official information, and deliberative process privileges; matters relating to pending litigation, personnel matters, investigations, or where the particular facts and circumstances warrant nondisclosure of the information. (*Government Code* §§ 6254 (a), (b), (c), (f), (k), and 6255(a).)

Your request has been received and we are hoping to complete the review in the near future. When it is completed, we will advise you as to the availability of the non-exempt records. Thank you for your patience.

If you have any questions, please contact Lieutenant Norman of the Discovery Unit at (323) 890-5000.

Sincerely,

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Albert M. Maldonado", followed by a small flourish or mark.

Albert M. Maldonado, Captain
Risk Management Bureau